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Mr. M. Burleson
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Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Brother Burleson:

I have read all of the material you sent me and am returning it to you. I can appreciate your deep concern about the church's entanglement with ungodly groups and movements.

The very challenges of our day make it absolutely imperative that we have a positive and convincing message for the world. I am sure you are aware that one never accomplishes much simply because of what he is against. The Christian has the "good news" of salvation in Christ as the answer for all of the ills plaguing modern man.

You have misunderstood the "fraternities" which you suggest exist at David Lipscomb College and Harding College. You must recognize that the New Testament was written in Greek; and, therefore, all Greek letters are not evil per se. The groups you read about at Christian colleges are "honorary societies" which hold within their memberships only outstanding students and scholars. These groups do not exercise any kind of compromising influences or require any kind of regular commitment. They simply recognize the accomplishments of scholarship. The fraternities you refer to are definitely evil in their ultimate consequences, but such organizations do not exist on Christian college campuses.

It was a pleasure to become acquainted with your son and to recognize his sincere concern about these matters. I recommend without reservation that he not become a part of the Masonic Lodge. Thank you for this material. It was highly enlightening and profitable.

Fraternally yours,

JAC:lc
Enclosures

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